

**MINUTES OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
ARLINGTON TOMORROW FOUNDATION
September 11, 2014**

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Advisory Committee convened in Special Session on September 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., in the Arlington City Hall, Conference Room A, 101 W. Abram Street, Arlington, Texas, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551, with the following members present, to-wit:

Committee members:

Mike Gerro

Connie Kerr

Fabian Medrano

Shirley Patterson

Stephen Zimmer

And

Carolyn Montesana, Executive Director

Jennifer Wichmann, Director, Management Resources

Karen Roberts, Grants Coordinator

Tina Stewart, City Secretary's Office

I. Call to Order:

Stephen Zimmer, Advisory Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. and stated that the following items would be discussed:

II. Approval of August 14, 2014 Committee meeting minutes

Committee member Fabian Medrano arrived at 11:05 a.m.

Committee member Mike Gerro made a motion to approve the August 14, 2014 Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Committee member Connie Kerr, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. **(APPROVED)**

III. Update on Board of Directors' June Planning Retreat and action items

Carolyn Montesana, Executive Director, Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, provided an overview on the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation's Board meeting on retreat. Director Montesana briefed the Committee on the Board's ideas for the following:

- In lieu of considering annual interest earning pool as one giving category, set aside at least 10% of the annual interest earnings pool to directly support City of Arlington (excluding Parks & Recreation) projects of Department requests
- Split the remaining 90% of the annual earnings pool as follows:
 - Giving Categories
 - 10% COA Department Projects
 - 76.5% Large impactful Projects
 - 13.5% Community Enrichment Projects
- Education
 - Support city grants to enhance education
- Salaries
 - Consider specialized salaries
- Future Board meetings will be scheduled on Tuesday's on off Council meeting days
- Discussion of signature projects
 - Identify large projects and promote the Foundations logo
- Advisory's role
 - Discuss opportunities for the committee to be more involved

IV. Discussion of pending Letters of Inquiry and selection of final applications which will be recommended to Board for final proposals and for grant consideration

Final Applications:

1. Sponsor Adoptions Inc. – Spay/Neuter/Microchip/Shot Program : \$10,000 (Nature Category)
Committee member Zimmer made a motion to approve funding at \$7,500, with a recommendation for the requestor to raise the remaining \$2,500. Seconded by Committee member Gerro, the motion carried with the following: **Vote 5-0 (APPROVED)**
2. Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) – Free Chi Sterilization Project: \$7,500 (Nature Category)
Committee member Zimmer made a motion to decline funding. Seconded by Committee member Medrano, the motion carried with the following: **Vote 5-0 (DECLINED)**

3. Green Arlington Foundation – Helping other volunteer groups become nonprofits: \$1,800 (Nature Category)
Committee member Patterson made a motion to decline funding. Seconded by Committee member Zimmer, the motion carried with the following: **Vote 5-0 (DECLINED)**
4. Timeless Concerts – Timeless Concerts: “Evening in Italy” (9/13/14), “Everyone Loves A Piano”: \$4,000 (Lifestyle Category)
Committee member Kerr made a motion to approve funding. Seconded by Committee member Gerro, the motion carried with the following: **Vote 5-0 (APPROVED)**
5. Community Partners of Tarrant County – SAVE Program: \$2,000 (People Category)
Committee member Kerr made a motion to approve funding. Seconded by Committee member Medrano, the motion carried with the following: **Vote 5-0 (APPROVED)**
6. Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County – Girls Inc. in East Arlington: \$30,000 (People Category)
Committee member Kerr made a motion to approve funding with a request for more detail on the administrative costs. Seconded by Committee member Medrano, the motion carried with the following: **Vote 5-0 (APPROVED)**
7. Senior Citizen Services of Greater Tarrant County – Senior Wellness: \$49,000 (Lifestyle Category)
Committee member Kerr made a motion to approve funding. Seconded by Committee member Medrano, the motion failed with the following: **Vote 5-0 (APPROVED)**

Letter of Inquiry:

1. Arlington Classics Academy – Outdoor Learning Center (Nature Category)
Committee member Zimmer made a motion to decline a final application for grant consideration. Seconded by Committee member Kerr, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. **(DECLINED)**
2. Cancer Care Services – The Cancer Navigation Connection (People Category)
Committee member Zimmer made a motion to invite final application for grant consideration with the proposal of \$15,000. Seconded by Committee member Gerro, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. **(APPROVED)**
3. Meals On Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County – Home Delivered Meals to Arlington Residents (People Category)
Committee member Gerro made a motion to invite a final application for grant consideration. Seconded by Committee member Kerr, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. **(APPROVED)**

4. Catholic Charities Fort Worth – Transportation Expansion (People Category)
Committee member Medrano made a motion to invite a final application for grant consideration with a request for more information related to passengers. Seconded by Committee member Gerro, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. **(APPROVED)**

V. Future Agenda Items

- The next Committee meeting will be on October 16, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
- North Texas Giving Day, September 18, 2014

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Stephen Zimmer, Chair

ATTEST:

Mary W. Supino, City Secretary